and refurnishing units under EHTP are allowed to import goods *vide* Notification No. 134/94-Cus. dated 22.6.1994. This has already been clarified *vide* Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Revenue Instructions issued from F.No. 314/21/93-FTT dated 2nd August, 1994. Therefore, EHTP Units engaged in repairing and refurnishing are allowed to import goods as per the said Notification.

Import of Gambier

330. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to prevalent high prices of catechu and stiff competition in its marketing, a chemical 'Gambier', which can cause several diseases including Cancer, is being widely sold throughout the country as substitute of catechu, leading to almost collapse of catechu cottage industry and rendering lakhs of people unemployed;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ban import of Gambier in the interests of the catechu growers and to save the people from various dangerous ailments; and

(c) if not, the resons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Gambier is a vegetable based tanning material and is used for dyeing purposes by the leather industry. Since the basic objective of the Foreign Trade Policy is to provde raw materials at international prices it may not be possible to restrict import of Gambier as it may have an adverse impact on export of leather goods from India.

Allocation of funds for industrial areas

331. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds as sought by the State Governments of Rajasthan and Punjab and the amount allocated for improvement of infrastructure in industrial areas for the State for the year 2003-04 as compared to 2002-03;

(b) the funds released to the State during the last five years;

(c) the details of progress made in various projects to improve infrastructure in the industrial areas in Rajasthan; and

(d) the details of the steps Government propose to take to monitor improvement of these industrial areas in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELAGOVAN): (a) An amount of Rs. 850.00 lakh has been released as Central assistance for the Growth Centres for the State of Rajasthan during the year 2002-03. However, no funds have been released to the State during 2003-04. As regards the State of Punjab, the maximum Central assistance that is admissible under the Growth Centre Scheme *i.e.* Rs. 1000 lakh per Growth Centre has already been sanctioned for the Growth Centres in Punjab. Hence no further Central assistance could be released.

(b) The details are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Punjab					
2.	Rajasthan	250			850	

(c) The progress made in various Growth Centres sanctioned in the State of Rajasthan is as follows:

Financial Progress: (Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State, Growth Centre/ District	Date of approval	Approved Project cost	Amount of Central Release	Amount Released by State & its Agencies	Total expenditure
1.	Rajasthan Abu Road (Sirohi)	31.03.92	3000.00	1000.00	2153.80	3153.80
2.	Bhilwara (Bhilwara)	18.12.97	3407.00	300.00	520.49	820.49
3.	Khara (Bikaner)	31.03.92	2750.00	620.00	571.49	1191.49
4.	Dholpur (Dholpur)	23.03.93	3000.00	1000.00	525.35	1525.35
5.	Jhalawar (Jhalawar)	23.07.92	3000.00	300.00	606.54	906.54

Physical Progress:

Sl. No.	Name of State, Growth Centre/ District	Land acquired	Plots/ sheds developed	Plots/ sheds allotted	No. of units establi-shed	Captial invested by units (Rs. in lakh)	Employ-ment gene-rated
1.	Rajasthan (A) Abu Road (Sirohi)	914.00 Acres	297	53	27	1000.00	300
2.	Bhilwara (Bhilwara)	1159 Bighas	4	4	-	-	-
3.	Khara (Bikaner)	1162 Bighas 21 Biswa	461	260	75	948	680
4.	Dholpur (Dholpur)	332.22 acres.	211	104	53	1500.00	240
5.	Jhalawar (Jhalawar)	438 Acre	238	118	78	900.00	450

(d) Monitoring of these projects is made on the basis of quarterly progress reports submitted by the State Government.

Development of Manipur

332. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of problems being faced by Manipur especially pertaining to its security, its industrial development and growth of its infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in regard thereto during the last three years; and

(c) what measures are being adopted for an all-round development of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government has announced the North-East Industrial Policy (NEIP) on 24.12.1997 for promoting industrialization in the North-Eastern region which includes the State of Manipur. Under this Policy, various concessions have been allowed to industrial units in the North-Eastern region, which include development